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Rhode Island General Assembly, House of Representatives
House Finance Committee
(Submitted electronically via HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov)

Re: Support for House Bill 8191

Dear Chair Abney and Members of the Committee:

Please accept the Rhode Island Health Center Association's letter of **support** for **House Bill 8191**, which would allow the state division of taxation to provide HealthSource RI (HSRI) with contact information for Rhode Islanders who report they were uninsured on their state income tax return to be contacted directly, along with the option to opt out, by HSRI about health coverage.

Federal policy changes are impacting the health insurance marketplace, and navigating health insurance is growing more challenging; deciding what coverage to get can be difficult. As the landscape of health insurance grows more complicated, it may leave individuals and families vulnerable, leading them to go without coverage. For individuals and families, this can lead to delayed care, poor health outcomes, and financial strain. For the healthcare system, it can lead to health inequities, greater reliance on expensive emergency services, and higher uncompensated care costs.

HSRI is the official healthcare insurance marketplace exchange for the state of Rhode Island. Since 2013, they have supported individuals, families, and small businesses to cut through the confusion of buying health insurance with an objective approach. This bill would support HSRI's outreach to uninsured individuals and families, uphold strong privacy protections, and help prevent people from falling through the cracks and losing coverage unnecessarily.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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The Rhode Island Health Center Association members include:
Blackstone Valley Community Health Care Inc. ~ Comprehensive Community Action Program
East Bay Community Action Program ~ Providence Community Health Centers
Thundermist Health Center ~ Tri-County Community Action Agency
WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care ~ Wood River Health